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contagious diseases in that vicinity. Health of port good. Inspected 8 vessels during the week.

Respectfully,

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*Inspection of immigrants at Cienfuegos for the week ended October 20, 1900.*

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *October 22, 1900.*

SIR: I herewith submit report of alien steerage passengers at this port during the week ended October 20, 1900: October 16, schooner *White Water*, from Gubroja, Honduras, with 5 Mexican immigrants.

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*Report from Havana.*

HAVANA, CUBA, *October 22, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended October 20, 1900:

There has been little if any material change in the fever situation since my last report, though the death of Major Peterson, a well-known and popular officer, followed within an hour by the tragic death of his wife, has emphasized the gravity of the situation and has created a feeling of deep concern.

Twenty deaths from yellow fever are reported for the week, and the new cases officially reported have averaged 11 a day. The daily sanitary bulletin for the 19th gives 92 cases under treatment, 21 of whom are Americans. 1 German, 1 Austrian, and 1 Japanese. Two of these cases now under treatment were taken from the harbor, 1 being the Japanese removed September 27 from the schooner *Lottie Moore*, and the other a Spaniard removed on September 26 from a lighter, the *Esperanza*. Both crafts have been lying alongside the wharves, the men having free communication with the town. But few cases have been taken from vessels in the port during the present season, and all, except the cases reported from time to time as arriving sick from Vera Cruz, have been men taken from crafts lying at the wharves. The crews on such vessels have, or take, all the shore liberty they want, and will spend several nights while in port in different resorts in the town.

The general public have been taught to malign the harbor of Havana, ascribing to it the responsibility for the spread of the disease, and it is generally spoken of as "that filthy harbor swarming with disease."

The experience of my predecessors and my own has been that crews of vessels receive their infection from the town. The history of every case taken from a vessel is carefully inquired into and in every instance the vessel "was lying at the dock and the man had been ashore."

Cattle vessels, a class not noted for their cleanliness, come and go every day with nonimmune crews, moor in the open bay, and their crews, who are not allowed shore leave, have not furnished a case of yellow fever this season.

The steamer *Tarpon*, used by the Plant Line as a passenger transfer boat, has been in this port all the past summer. She has a nonimmune